

# Town of Frederick Board of Trustees



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AM 2010-108

## To Consider a Request to Allow the Rinn Valley Ranch Outlot D Gas Wells to be Drilled Further than Fifty Feet from the Existing Well

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**Agenda Date:** October 26, 2010

**Attachments:**

- a. Request from EnCana Oil and Gas dated October 14, 2010
- b. Applicant's well location depiction
- c. Vicinity Map
- d. Rinn Valley Ranch Filing 1 plat

**Fiscal Note:** None noted or provided Fiscal note

  
Administrative Services Director

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Simmons  
Planning Director

**Approved for Presentation:**   
Town Administrator

**AV Use Anticipated** Projector x Laptop       

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**Certification of Board Approval:**

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Town Clerk

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Date

### **Summary Statement:**

The Town of Frederick owns Outlot D of Rinn Valley Ranch where EnCana is proposing to drill six new wells. The Board of Trustees approved a waiver from the State Regulations allowing the wells to be drilled outside the designated drilling window. EnCana is now requesting a waiver from State Regulations to allow the wells to be drilled more than 50' from the existing well.

**Detail of Issue/Request:**

In May 2002, the final plat for Rinn Valley Ranch Filing 1 (see attached) was recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder. As a result of recording the plat, Outlot D, located at the northeast corner of the property was dedicated to the Town. The plat shows a future gas well within Outlot D.

In August, the Board of Trustees considered a request from Sheila Frazier, Land Negotiator with EnCana, to consider a waiver be granted from State Rule 318A.a(1). The rule requires that the wells be drilled within the designated drilling window (a 400' x 400' square with the center at the center of a quarter-quarter section). EnCana made the request of the Town because the Town owns Outlot D and EnCana is proposing to drill six new gas wells within Outlot D.

Upon preparing to submit the drilling application to the State, Ms. Frazier realized that a second waiver was necessary because the six new wells are further than 50' from the existing well. State Rule 318A.c(1) requires new wells to be within 50' from the existing well.

**Legal/Political Considerations:**

None Noted.

**Alternatives/Options:**

The Board of Trustees may choose from the following options or recommend another alternative:

- Agree to sign the waiver request.
- Agree to sign the waiver request with conditions.
- Decline to sign the waiver request.

**Financial Considerations:**

Not Applicable.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends agreeing to sign the waiver request.